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## ABSTRACT

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## INTRODUCTION

Vitamin C is an important vitamin. Since its discovery in 1937, it has been acclaimed as a possible preventive or cure for the common cold, the flu, and even cancer. Others believe vitamin C is harmful if taken in megadoses. As the controversy continues, facts and research results become increasingly important. This bibliography provides some sources for these facts and theories. Some of the references date back to 1970, when Linus Pauling's book on vitamin C and the common cold first appeared.

Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature was searched from 1970-1983, under the main heading "Vitamins," and subheading "Vitamin C." Other journal articles were found by searching Index Medicus from 1970-1983, under the headings "Ascorbic acid" and "Ascorbic acid deficiency." The public catalog of the Cal Poly Library was searched for books under "Vitamin C" and its subheadings. The New York Times Index was searched for newspaper articles under "Vitamins" from 1970-1983. The Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications was searched from 1970-1983 under "Vitamin C."

An attempt has been made to balance the references to popular articles and books with more technical ones, so that both the general reader and the scientist can find something of interest. All of these sources are available in the California Polytechnic State University Library.

This bibliography is arranged alphabetically within types of material: journal articles, books, newspaper articles, and government documents. These references are for the fourteen-year period 1970 through 1983. The first edition (1980) of this bibliography had 166 items; this 1984 second edition added 124 references for a total of 290 references.

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